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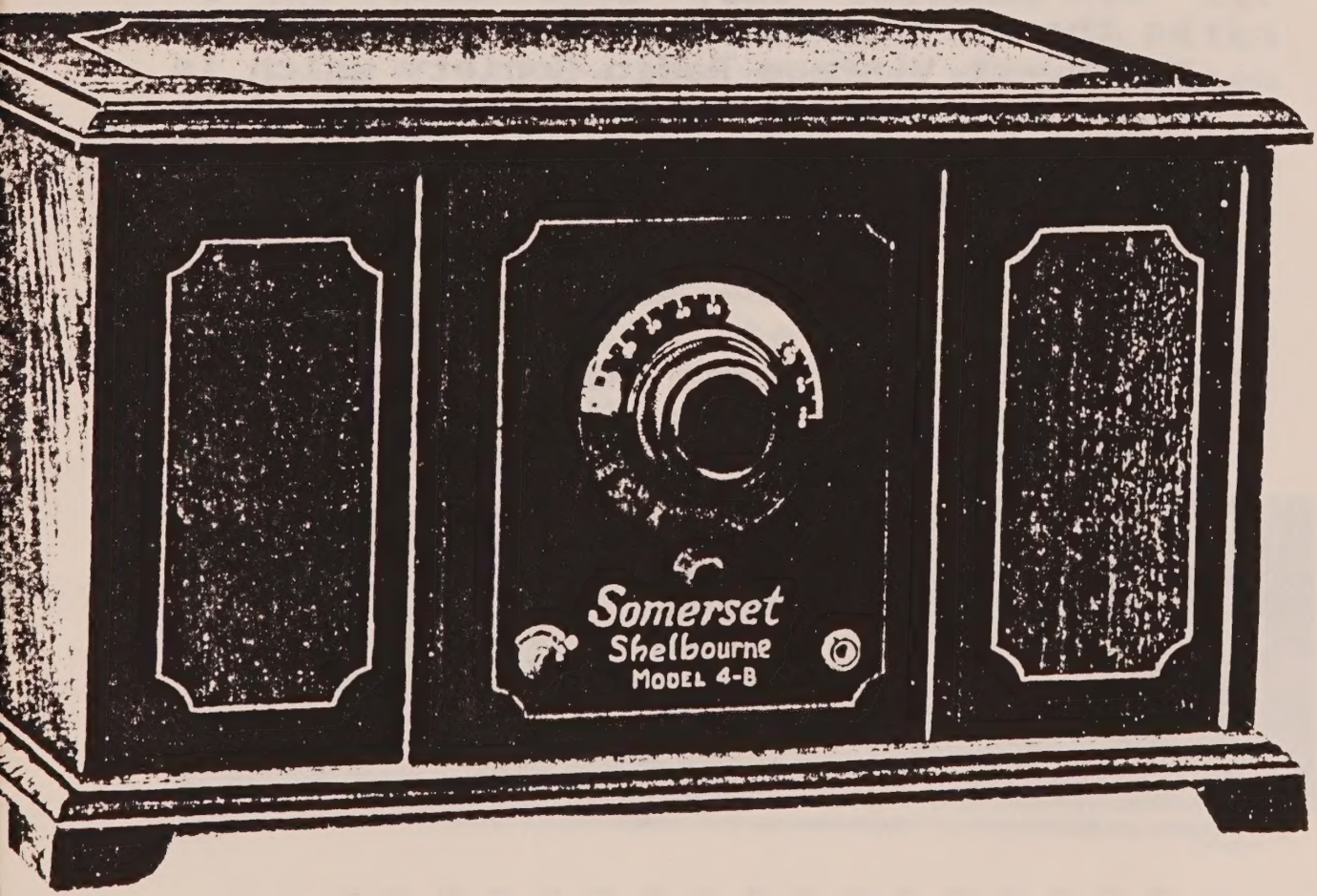

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February

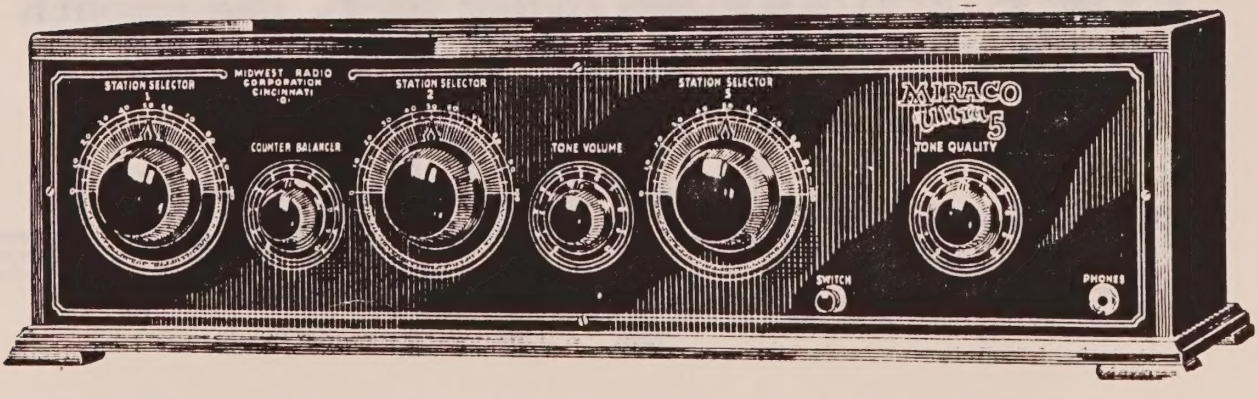
Auction Activity

DATE : February 14th, 1987
TIME : 11:00
PLACE : Buena Vista Clubhouse
ADDRESS : 16th & Jackson streets
Oregon City, Oregon

Business will be under the gavel of our new president Ray Nelson. Let's show support and be there. Also, If you have meeting plan ideas get in touch with our new vice president, Jim Mason.

Directly following the February meeting will be the Winter Auction. The auctions have always been a source of fun & profit for club members. Take time before the meeting to list your items. Clearly place a piece of tape on the item with your initials on it. Don't mark the minimum bid on the item itself. Place the minimum bid, the item description and your name on a list for the auctioneer to use. Try to limit the items to radio related gear.

The society requests that the seller contribute 5% of the total sales to the treasury. This makes a little profit for the trouble.



ATMOSPHERICA

By T

Carving out a speaker
From old BOSSYS' horn,
Is like making auto tires
From old boots you've worn.

Methinks Jim Mason's speaker
brings in too much Bull - -
He should try the other end
and get that station by "Pull".

Makes panels from old rawhide,
Round leg bones for knobs,
Your receiver then resembles,
A "Vintage" set of Bob's.

So here's to innovation --
Let's toot a clearer MOOOO.
Let's turn out cow horn speakers,
Instead of making glue !

[Poet Tom James wrote this tongue in cheek after member Jim Mason had submitted an article to the CALL LETTER about making a "Horn speaker" out of the original horn. Jim's article was published the month prior in the same vein of humor. ed.]

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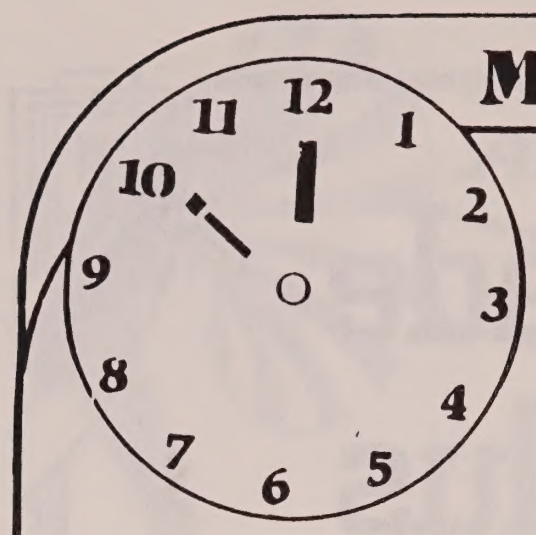

The January 10th,1987 meeting was called to order by outgoing president Bill DeVey and was turned over to newly-elected president Ray Nelson. The minutes of the December 13th meeting were approved as printed in the CALL LETTER.

The treasurer's report was given and accepted with the current balance in the treasury of $844.17.

GOOD AND WELFARE: NONE

New member Edward Ziegler was welcomed.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was brief discussion concerning the "Hold-harmless" agreement with the Buena Vista Clubhouse. Ray Nelson will contact the clubhouse to determine status.

NEW BUSINESS:

Members are reminded of the Salem "Sounds of Nostalgia Flea Market", Sunday February 8th. Members were asked to participate with some favorite show sets.

A very good response was heard on ideas for club activities activities. Members with more ideas should contact Jim Mason.

Sonny Clutter has volunteered to develop a form to submit swap shop items.

First auction of 1987 will be during our February meeting. Jerry Talbott and Jim Mason would like to hear from members with suggestions for club contest categories.

Leads and needs were given & the meeting was adjourned.

Secretary, Norris Jackson

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KVIX

Have you heard the news? For the last two weeks in January everyone who routinely listens to radio (or even occasionally twists the dials) found a new sound in the "upper" end of the AM dial.

KVIX at 1290 am was using a transitional format before it began the new operation. In the transition the station played vintage radio shows 24 hours a day, mostly from the 40s and 50s. According to their marketing department, the public loved it. Several members of the society contacted the CALL LETTER to comment on it and generally radio buffs found the air time very enjoyable.

Because your editor tries to keep up on Old Time Radio (OTR) he can say, "there is nothing new under the sun." KVIX is managed by long-time Portland broadcast personality Victor Ives. His voice has been heard on radio in Portland as early as the late 60s. You may remember him as the vampire host on the late night TV movies in the early 70s.

Vic made his dream come true. He as always wanted to return radio to the way it used to be: right out of the forties!

For music, he has bought the "Music of Your Life" format, with his play list featuring music from the big band years but including music from the last 5 decades.

For news he is attempting to build the beginning of a local network of small stations that each will originate news stories from their area.

And for pure entertainment, Vic is spotlighting RADIO. Shows from his own and other collections fill the evening hours from 5:30 until midnight. Great Radio !

Listen in, make your own opinion, & drop him a line. He is asking for Your suggestions.

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Part of Radio Passing Away

HERB VIGRAN

According to SPERDVAC, Herb Vigran passed away on November 29th at the age of 76. Herb was best known in radio as Sad Sack. Other credits were Halls of Ivy,Tales of the Texas Rangers, Damon Runyon Theater, Father Knows Best, Family Skeleton, Nero Wolfe, Fibber McGee and Molly, and many more.

Herb was born June 5th, 1910 in Indiana. After graduating from Indiana University law school in 1833 he hitchhiked to California where he could live free with his aunt.

After a short stint in New York, Herb returned to California in 1939 to try again at the movies. To make ends meet Herb worked on radio doing the show Brenthouse. This, in turn, got him an audition for the show Silver Theater. At this interview Herb was told to "forget the part" and just be Herb Vigran. He did and from that time on his voice became his trademark.

Even while active in radio, Herb's voice took him into the movies. Movie credits included WHITE CHRISTMAS, BEDTIME FOR BONZO, and FIRST MONDAY IN NOVEMBER.

Time, and familiarity made Herb's voice a "household word". For the last several years he has been seen in commercials as well as drama and comedy shows.

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ARTHUR LAKE

The man that made the Dagwood sandwich famous is dead. In January Arthur Lake died.

Born, Arthur Silverlake, on April 17th, 1905, he grew up in the circus where his parents were performers.

In 1917 the family moved to California where Arthur moved into small parts in Hollywood movies. Later he moved into two reel movies, The most noticeable was "Sweet Sixteen", produced by Universal Studios 1924. It was shortly thereafter that he shortened his name to Lake. Many film roles followed with the public best remembering the college musicals.

In 1937 Mr. Lake wed Patricia Van Cleve. Soon, Lake took a role from a 1930 comic strip by Chic Young, Dagwood Bumstead. The "Blondie series" of movies began in 1938.

On CBS in July of 1939, Camel cigarettes put Blondie on the air as a summer replacement series. The series, with Lake in the part of Dagwood, continued for eleven years. It was one of the radio shows that made it all the way into 1950.

In the title role, opposite Lake, were Penny Singleton, Ann Rutherford,Alice White and Patricia Van Cleve. With Pamela Britton, Arthur Lake took the Blondie and Dagwood characters to Television. The show lasted only one season.

In semi-retirement since 1951 Lake kept a continuing interest in radio and took to the stage only once, in a revival of "No, No, Nannette". There will never be another Dagwood Bumstead and there will never be another Blondie. Next time you're in a diner ask for a "Dagwood" sandwich. See if they know what it is.

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RAY BOLGER

Ray Bolger was the last living actor who had been in the 1937 movie version of the "Wizards of OZ". Mr. Bolger was the beloved Scarecrow.

Ray also was heard on Radio in the Ray Bolger Show Premiering July 6th, 1945, as a summer replacement for the Jimmy Durante and Gary Moore show. The sponsor was Rexall and the staff was basically that of the Gary Moore and Jimmy Durante show.

Ray died last January.

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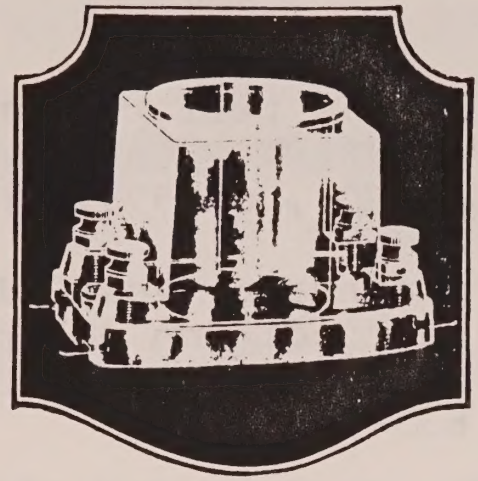

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Good Philco "90" cabinet. and 15 or 18 or 25 tube Zenith or McMurdo-Silvers, or E.H. Scotts (already have 12). Will trade 8 to 12 tube ZENITHs w/ excellent cabinet. Art Corbus, 5704 - 11TH ave. NW Seattle, WA 98107, 206 - 783 - 6151

OUTSIDE REQUESTS:

Trying to renovate a family radio. Need a 5Y3 and a 7F7. If anyone could help us please have them write or call. Wilma Hogle, 990 14th Street NE Salem, OR 97301, 503-363-0350.

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2. to record in order of acquisition

Norris Jackson:
1934 RCA Model 118 AC Tombstone
1930 Radiette (Keller-Fuller) AC Cathedral
1923 Kennedy Model V Battery Set
National Radio Institute "Radio-Trician" Home Study Course (1929)

Jerry Talbott:
1925 Magnavox Model T with matching mantel style speaker.
1941 Philco 41-255 Slope Front set
1942 Savola LMSU white bakelight set

Sonny Clutter:
Kennedy 281 "early 1 tube" battery set.

Jim Mason:
1925 David Grimes 4DL inverse Duplex Battery Sets.
1927 Scott "World's Record" Super 10 battery Set.

Ray Nelson:
A Philco 610 Tombstone
A Scott Philharmonic
A Philco Model 70B Cathedral

Accessions is the page reserved to share your most recent "finds" with the others. All members are encouraged to participate. Contact your editor or the society secretary to be included.

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Technical Tips

Use this method to restore bakelight panels and dials with recessed engraving. Do not use it on hard rubber panels or knobs .

1) Use a sharp pick or a large needle to remove all the old white fill from the engraving. Be careful not to scratch the panel.

2) Wash the surface with an ammonia-water solution, (25% house hold ammonia) and wipe dry.

3) Rub white Lacquer-Stik* over the engraving lines. Wipe off the excess with a soft cloth. This gives a much better fill than a wax crayon.

4) Polish the entire surface with Neats-foot oil. This can be found in sporting goods stores, and is excellent for wood cabinets that do not need refinishing down to bare wood. It covers blemishes and and feeds the wood.

* Trade name for the Lake Chemical Co., 250 N. Washentaw St., Chicago, Ill. 60612. It can be found at plumbing and painting supply store.

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Model	Speaker	Resistance
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53 (early)	F3	2500
53 (late)	F3	1700
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55F,55FC	F2,F2A,F2C	1700
60,60C	F4,F4A,F4C	1100
61,61C,66	F6,F6A,F6C	700
67,67C	F7,F7A,F7C	8
70L,70F	N	1100
70D,74D	N3	650
72H,74L,74F		
75P,76L,76F	N	1100

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1987 Renewals

Regular membership	$15.00
Associate Membership	$12.00

Associate memberships are accepted from persons outside commuting distance of the Portland Metropolitan area.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE _____

PHONE _____

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SPECIAL INTERESTS _____

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Check here for renewal _____

Mail membership information and dues to the **Northwest Vintage Radio Society** P.O. Box 02379, Portland Oregon, 97202

Membership includes monthly newsletters, ten monthly meetings (all except July & August), two swap meets and two auctions each year, as well as a trading roster of members, and unlimited "unclassified" ads in the **CALL LETTER.**

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